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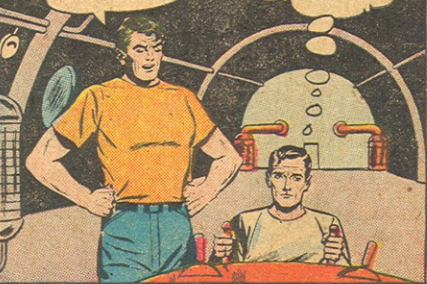
IT'S A STRANGE PLACE TO START A STORY--ABOARD A POWERFUL ROCKET BARRELING TOWARDS OUTER SPACE AT 10,000 MILES A MINUTE---



AND INSIDE, THE IMPACT OF HATRED SEEMED ALMOST TO DROWN OUT THE WHINE OF THE MIGHTY MOTORS---

SORRY YOU CAME ALONG
ON THIS TRIP, AREN'T YOU?
YOU'RE SCARED---YELLOW!
ADMIT IT, YOU
LITTLE---

HOW DID ALL THIS
EVER HAPPEN? HOW
DID I EVER GET TO
BE HERE---WITH
HIM?



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TOM ROBBINS' MIND WENT BACK, OVER THE TEEMING YEARS! HIGH SCHOOL... HE'D BEEN A STUDIOUS LAD EVEN THEN, WORSHIPPING KNOWLEDGE! BUT NOT SO HENRY VARGA, WHO GLORIED ONLY IN HIS SIZE AND STRENGTH...

HEY, ROBBINS... LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT YER PAPER, HUH?

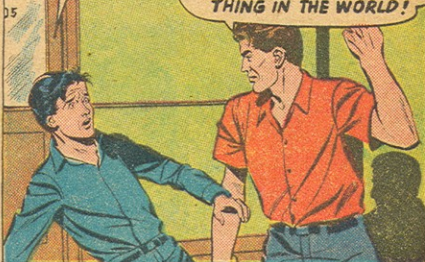
I... I CAN'T DO THAT, VARGA! IT'S **CHEATING!**



VARGA HAD NEVER FORGIVEN HIM FOR HIS REFUSAL...

D-DON'T HIT ME! IT... IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN FAIR IF...

YOU AND YOUR SISSY BLABBING ABOUT **FAIRNESS**! KEEP YOUR NOSE IN YOUR BOOKS, YOU GRIND... BUT SOMEDAY, I'LL BE ABLE TO BUY AND SELL YOU A THOUSAND TIMES OVER! I'M GONNA BE THE **BIGGEST THING IN THE WORLD!**



AND NOW TOM REMEMBERED THAT SUMMER WHEN HE'D COME HOME ON VACATION FROM COLLEGE, TO FIND THAT MARGE LOWELL HAD MOVED INTO TOWN DURING HIS ABSENCE! NEIGHBORS, THEY TOOK TO EACH OTHER IMMEDIATELY...

IT SURE IS NICE, DISCOVERING THE BOY NEXT DOOR!

IT'S A CASE OF DISCOVERING **EACH OTHER!** HOW'S ABOUT THE MOVIES TOMORROW NIGHT... FOLLOWED BY A KING-SIZE MALT?



HE'D NEVER KNOWN A GIRL LIKE THIS! NEXT EVENING... AS THEIR ACQUAINTANCE DEEPENED...

YOU KNOW A LOT, DON'T YOU? AND YOU'RE... FUN TO BE WITH!

I GUESS LOTS OF FELLAS HAVE TOLD YOU HOW PRETTY YOU ARE! WELL... I THINK YOU'RE **BEAUTIFUL!**



WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY CUTTIN' IN ON MY GIRL, ROBBINS?

IT WAS HENRY VARGA... RESUMING THEIR OLD FEUD WITH SUDDEN VIOLENCE!

YOU'RE NOT GONNA WHINE YOUR WAY OUT OF **THIS**, SEE?

WAIT A MINUTE, VARGA... WHAT **IS** THIS!

HENRY!



MAYBE NOW YOU'LL LEARN YOUR **LESSON!**

POW!



DAZEDLY, TOM LEFT, LOOKING BACK FOR HIS LAST GLIMPSE OF MARGE FOR MANY YEARS TO COME! THAT LOOK ON HER FACE... WAS IT **MOCKERY?**

FORGET THAT MINOR LEAGUE STUFF AND STICK BY **ME**, BABY! SOMEDAY I'LL BE THE BIGGEST THING IN THE WORLD... AND NOT ANY SCARED **SISSY!**



HE NEVER FORGOT HER...EVEN WHEN COLLEGE WAS BEHIND HIM AND HE WENT OUT INTO THE WORLD AS A SCIENTIST! HIS UPWARD PROGRESS WAS METEORIC...



THAT WAS MY BIGGEST MISTAKE, TAKING THAT PHONEY FOUNDATION JOB! BUT IT WAS HARD TO TURN DOWN...IT SOUNDED SINCERE, AND THE PAY WAS GREAT! BESIDES, I WANTED TO MOVE UP TO THE TOP FAST...SORT OF KEEP PACE WITH HENRY VARGA!



YES, HENRY VARGA HAD LIVED UP TO HIS PROPHECY! HE WAS FAST APPROACHING THE POSITION THAT HAD BEEN HIS AMBITION...BIGGEST THING IN THE WORLD...



AND TOM'S HEART WAS BITTER, FOR NOW CAME NEWS OF STILL ANOTHER VARGA SUCCESS...



IT WAS AT THIS TIME THAT THE PRESIDENT OF TOM'S SOAP COMPANY CAME UP WITH WHAT HE CONSIDERED A WONDERFUL IDEA...



SO TOM GOT TO WORK...AND FINALLY...



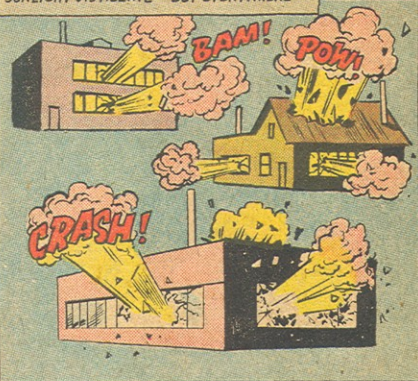
AS SOON AS HE HAD RECOVERED, TOM MADE HIS REPORT...

OKAY... SO YOU ACCIDENTALLY DISCOVERED THAT YOUR SUNLIGHT DISTILLATE IS A SOURCE OF TERRIFIC POWER! WHAT DO I CARE ABOUT POWER? GET BACK ON YOUR JOB... SOAP!

LOOK, MISTER, I'M A SCIENTIST! NOT A SLAVE! I QUIT!



HE WENT FROM JOB TO JOB TRYING TO DEVELOP HIS SUNLIGHT DISTILLATE... BUT EVERYWHERE...



SORRY, ROBBINS, BUT THAT SUBSTANCE OF YOURS IS TOO UNCERTAIN, TOO VOLATILE... THERE'S NO APPLICATION FOR IT IN ITS PRESENT FORM! TAKE IT WITH YOU AND GET OUT OF HERE... BEFORE YOU BLOW THE WHOLE PLANT TO SMITHERS!

I KNOW I'VE GOT SOMETHING THERE... SOMETHING BIG! ONLY I CAN HARNESS IT! I'LL TRY DEVELOPING IT ON MY OWN, EVEN IF IT TAKES MY LAST CENT!



ON HE WORKED... BUT WITH VICTORY IN SIGHT, HIS MONEY RAN OUT! HE WAS IN DESPAIR WHEN HE CHANCED UPON A TELEVISION INTERVIEW...

THAT'S RIGHT... I OWE MY SUCCESS TO LISTENING TO ANY PROPOSITION THAT COMES MY WAY. NO MATTER HOW HAREBRAINED! MOST OF THEM FLOP... BUT THERE'S ALWAYS ONE THAT'S A BIG SUCCESS!

WHY NOT? I'D DO ANYTHING TO KEEP ON WITH MY EXPERIMENTS... EVEN APPROACH VARGA!



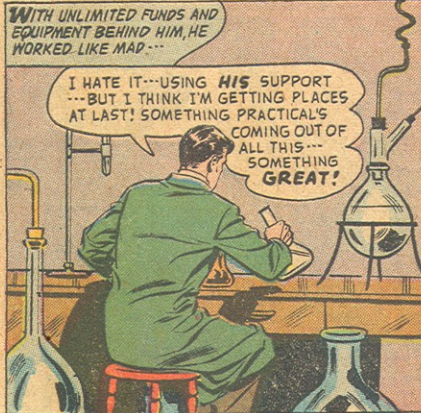
HE NEVER FORGOT HOW VARGA HUMILIATED HIM... IN HER PRESENCE...

LOOK AT HIM... THE EDUCATED MAN WHO WAS GOING TO GET PLACES WHILE A LUG LIKE ME FAILED... AND NOW HE COMES BEGGING TO ME! OKAY, ROBBINS, I'LL DO IT... JUST FOR THE LAUGHS! I THINK YOU'RE CRAZY, BUT I CAN CHARGE OFF MY INVESTMENT TO TAXES!



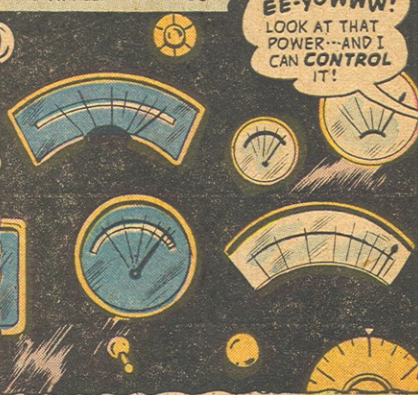
WITH UNLIMITED FUNDS AND EQUIPMENT BEHIND HIM, HE WORKED LIKE MAD...

I HATE IT... USING HIS SUPPORT... BUT I THINK I'M GETTING PLACES AT LAST! SOMETHING PRACTICAL'S COMING OUT OF ALL THIS... SOMETHING GREAT!



AND FINALLY... SUCCESS!

EE-YOWWWW! LOOK AT THAT POWER... AND I CAN CONTROL IT!



YEAH---AND DOPE THAT I WAS, I WAS **HAPPY!** I TOLD VARGA I'D FINALLY DEVELOPED A STABLE, TERRIFIC SOURCE OF ENERGY--- THAT A SMALL AMOUNT OF MY FORMULA WOULD DELIVER A CONTINUOUS ENERGY UP TO 100,000 TIMES THE FORCE OF **DYNAMITE!** I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE HAD IN MIND---

"I TOLD HIM HOW IT COULD BE USED TO TURN THE WHEELS OF INDUSTRY--- BUT HE HAD **ANOTHER IDEA**---

TAKE A LOOK! WILL YOUR FORMULA DO **THIS?**

I'M SURE IT WILL--- BUT WHY---?



REMEMBER MY OLD AMBITION---TO BE THE **BIGGEST THING IN THE WORLD?** MISTER, THAT'LL BE THE MAN WHO FIRST FLIES TO THE STARS---AND IT'S GONNA BE **ME!** YOU GOTTA BUILD THE GREATEST ROCKET EVER MADE, ROBBINS! AND BY THE WAY--- **YOU'RE COMING ALONG!**

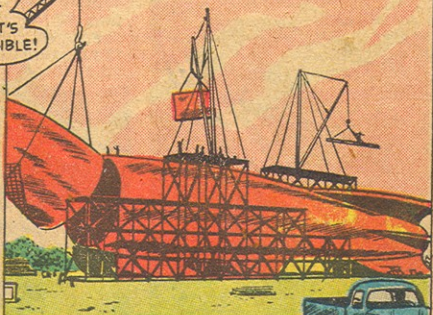


CONGRATULATIONS, TOM! THAT DISCOVERY OF YOURS SHOWS REAL BRILLIANCE!

WHY, **THANKS, MARGE!**

HOLD IT--- ALL HE'S DONE IS THE DETAIL! BUT ME, I GOT VISION, I GET THINGS DONE! AND WHEN SPACE IS CONQUERED, IT'LL BE **ME**, NOT HIM THAT'S RESPONSIBLE!

IT WAS THEN THAT THE BIG PROJECT COMMENCED! ALL OF TOM'S GREAT SCIENTIFIC KNOW-HOW WENT INTO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HUGE ROCKET SUCH AS NEVER HAD BEEN SEEN---



AND ALWAYS, MARGE WAS ON HAND, WATCHING HIM! HE FOUGHT AGAINST HIS GROWING FEELING FOR HER, BUT IT WAS NO USE---

WHenever I LOOK UP --- **YOU'RE HERE!** SOMETIMES I THINK YOU'RE LAUGHING AT ME, LIKE VARGA!

NO, TOM--- YOU'RE WRONG! I--- I'VE ALWAYS LIKED YOU--- NEVER FORGOT YOU THROUGH THE YEARS---

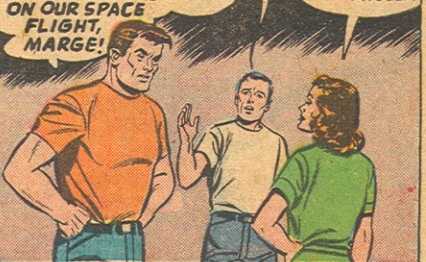


BUT VARGA HAD OVERHEARD!

NO, VARGA--- **NO!** YOU CAN'T EXPOSE A GIRL TO SUCH PERIL!

I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO SEE WHAT KIND OF A HERO **HE IS!** YOU'LL SEE HOW HE STACKS UP IN THE FACE OF DANGER COMPARED TO A **REAL MAN!** **YOU'RE COMING ALONG ON OUR SPACE FLIGHT, MARGE!**

BUT I **WANT** TO GO--- AND SEE THE COMPARISON FOR MYSELF!



JUST BEFORE DEPARTURE...

I HATE TO SAY IT, MR. VARGA, BUT YOUR REPUTATION FOR **TRUTH** IN YOUR VARIOUS PROJECTS HASN'T ALWAYS BEEN THE BEST! HOW WILL THE PRESS KNOW THAT YOU ACTUALLY ARRIVED AT ANOTHER PLANET WHEN AND **IF** YOU RETURN?

DON'T WORRY... I'LL BRING BACK SOME REAL **PROOF!** WELL... **TIME TO SHOVE OFF, BOYS!**



THE ROAR OF MIGHTY MOTORS... A TERRIFIC, WHINING BLAST... TAKEOFF!



THEIR DESTINATION WAS CORDOVA... A MINOR PLANET BETWEEN THE ORBITS OF MARS AND JUPITER, SELECTED BECAUSE SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE INDICATED THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT MIGHT SUSTAIN LIFE...



DESPITE THEIR BLAZING SPEED, THERE WAS THE MONOTONY OF A LONG JOURNEY THROUGH SPACE! THEN, FINALLY...

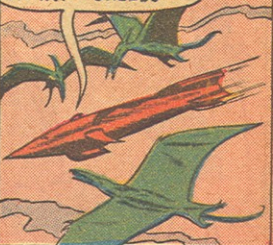
THERE SHE IS! WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT, ALL RIGHT!

WHY SHOULDN'T WE? WHEN HENRY VARGA GIVES A PROJECT HIS PERSONAL ATTENTION... **IT CAN'T FAIL!**



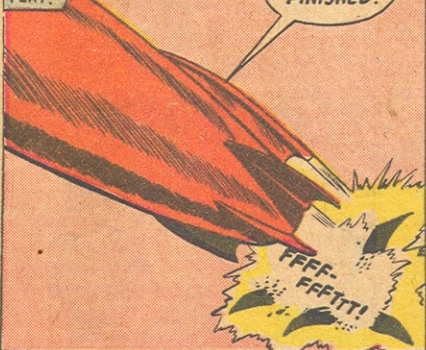
NOW THEY HAD ENTERED THE SMALL PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE... AND REELED BACK BEFORE A TERRIBLE ONSET!

HOLY SMOKE, THOSE MONSTERS... THEY'RE LIKE PREHISTORIC PTERODACTYLS! THEY'LL RIP THE ROCKET APART... UNLESS...

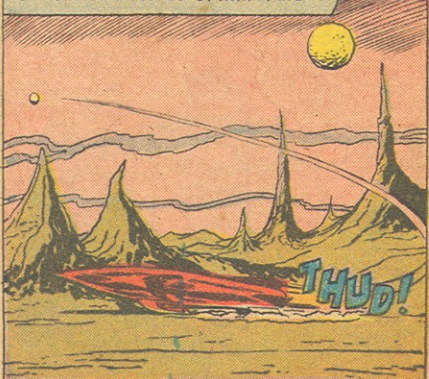


THERE WAS ONLY ONE POWER STRONG ENOUGH TO STOP THEM... AND TOM CALLED IT INTO PLAY!

THAT DOES IT! THEY'RE FINISHED!



NEXT CAME LANDING... ON THAT FAR-OFF DOT IN SPACE NEVER BEFORE VIEWED BY HUMAN EYES...



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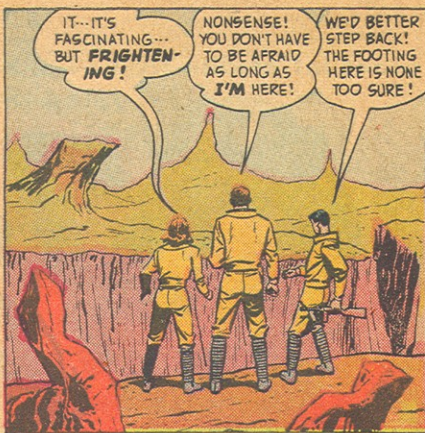
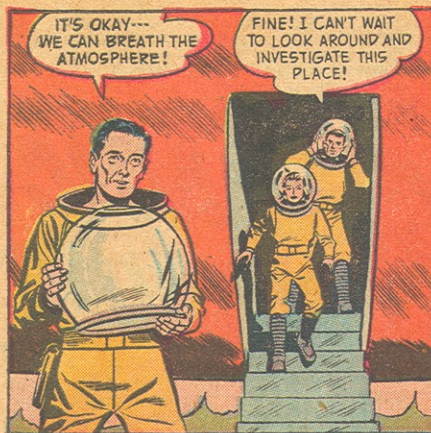
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ONCE AGAIN THAT STRANGE SUMMONS... BUT THIS TIME, IT BROUGHT HEAVY REINFORCEMENTS!



I DON'T WANT TO HURT THESE FELLAS... THEY'RE ONLY GOING FOR US BECAUSE THEY THINK **THEY'RE** IN DANGER! FIRING OVER THEIR HEADS OUGHT TO DO IT... AND IT **DOES!**



SEE, MARGE? NO HARM IN 'EM!

NOT IN A **BEAR**, EITHER... UNTIL YOU TRY TO PICK UP ITS CUB! THAT WAS QUICK ACTION ON YOUR PART... AND YOU **SAVED ME!**



I... I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU...

OKAY, BREAK IT UP! YOU CAN STOP TRYING TO PLAY THE HERO, ROBBINS... WE KNOW YOU TOO WELL FOR **THAT!**



THEIR EXPLORATION CONTINUED! VARGA SET A HOT PACE, OUTDISTANCING THE OTHERS...

CAN'T YOU SLOW DOWN A LITTLE? MARGE CAN'T TAKE IT!

WHY BLAME HER, WHEN IT'S **YOUR** FAULT? YOU'RE JUST HANGING BACK BECAUSE YOU'RE **SCARED!**



YOU WEAK-KNEED SISSY, YOU'RE LUCKY YOU'VE GOT SOMEBODY LIKE **ME** ALONG! THERE'S NOTHING I'M AFRAID OF... **NOTHING!**

VARGA! L-LOOK BEHIND YOU!



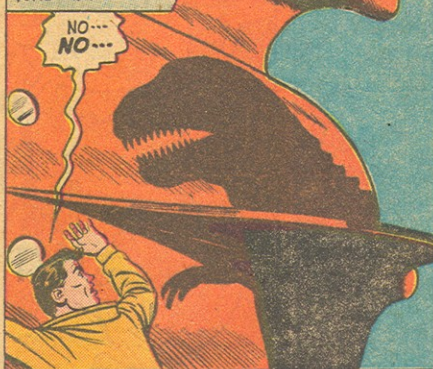
BEFORE SUCH AN AWFUL MENACE, THERE WAS ONLY FLIGHT...

WAIT! D-DON'T LEAVE ME...

IF WE CAN... MAKE THE ROCKET... THERE'S STILL... A **CHANCE...**



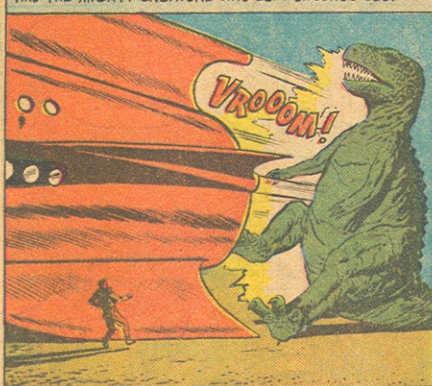
WITH A GOOD LEAD, TOM AND MARGE MANAGED TO REACH AND BOARD THE ROCKET! BUT VARGA WASN'T QUITE THAT LUCKY...



AND INSIDE...



A TERRIFIC BLAST OF PURE ENERGY FROM THE TAIL FINS... AND THE MIGHTY CREATURE WAS LEFT UNCONSCIOUS!



INCLUDED IN THE ROCKET'S SUPPLIES WERE GIGANTIC CHAINS OF UNBREAKABLE CARBON STEEL, WHICH VARGA USED TO BIND THE UNCONSCIOUS ANIMAL SECURELY! AS IT CAME TO...

IT'S DIFFERENT NOW THAN WHEN YOU WERE CHASING ME, EH? NOW YOU'RE HELPLESS... IN CHAINS! I'M THE BOSS, YOU DEVIL... AND I'LL TEACH YOU TO FEAR ME, TO DO WHAT I WANT!



THERE WAS ANOTHER WEEK OF EXPLORATION UNTIL BLASTOFF! REPEATEDLY, VARGA HUNG OVER THE CHAINED BEAST, SHRIEKING, GLOATING OVER ITS HELPLESSNESS...



BUT WHEN TOM TRIED TO INTERFERE...

I DID IT BEFORE AND I'LL DO IT AGAIN! SEEMS YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN WHO'S BOSS AROUND HERE TOO!

PLEASE... DON'T!



NOW THE RETURN TRIP THROUGH OUTER SPACE BEGAN! THIS TIME, THERE WAS NO ATTACK...FOR SOMETHING ELSE KEPT THE FIERCE PTERODACTYLS AT BAY...



SEE HOW I SHUT HIM UP? HE'S LEARNED HIS LESSON, ALL RIGHT!



THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE HE'S LEARNED... TO HATE YOU! JUST PRAY HE NEVER GETS LOOSE, VARGA!

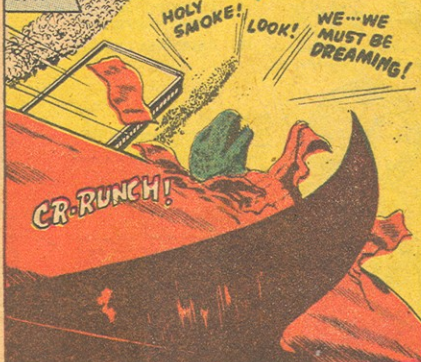
THEY WERE COMING IN FOR A LANDING NEAR TOM'S LABORATORY WHEN IT HAPPENED...

GREAT SCOTT, IT... IT'S BREAKING ITS CHAINS!

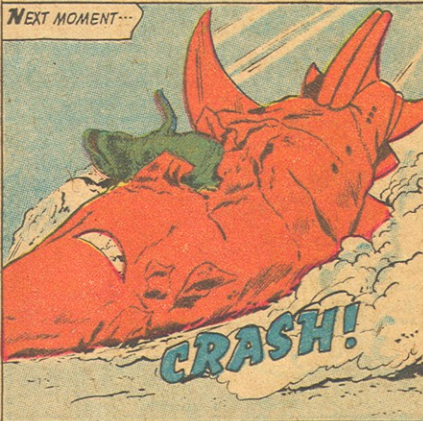
IT'S HAPPENED, VARGA...AND YOU'LL GET THE PAYMENT YOU'VE EARNED! THE ONLY TRAGEDY IS THAT MARGE AND I WILL HAVE TO PAY, TOO!



DOWN BELOW, THE CROWDS WAITED TO GREET THE SPACE ADVENTURERS! THEY'LL NEVER FORGET THE SIGHT THEY SAW...



NEXT MOMENT...



WHEN THE RESCUE CREWS HAD DONE THEIR WORK...

I-- I'M TELLING YOU IT'S A DINOSAUR!
VARGA DIDN'T COME THROUGH ALIVE! THE OTHER TWO AREN'T BADLY HURT, THOUGH...THE DINOSAUR'S BODY CUSHIONED THE IMPACT FOR THEM!

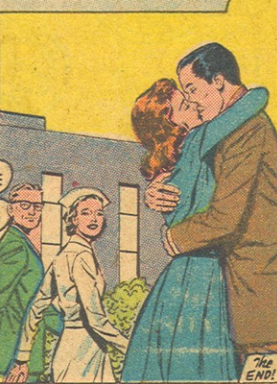


THEY WERE RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL WITHIN A FEW DAYS...AND MARGE HAD A REVELATION TO MAKE...

I--I KNOW HOW YOU MUST FEEL...THE MAN YOU LOVED...
I DIDN'T LOVE HIM...I NEVER LOVED HIM! HE HAD ME TERRORIZED, JUST AS HE HAD EVERYONE ELSE...INCLUDING YOU! HE DOMINATED ME COMPLETELY! THE TRUTH IS THERE'S BEEN SOMEONE ELSE I REALLY CARED FOR... SOMEONE I'VE CARED FOR FOR YEARS!...OH, DON'T YOU KNOW?



NOW TOM KNEW...AT LAST...AND THE FUTURE WAS BRIGHT...



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EVEN THE STRONGEST MAN CAN GO TO PIECES WHEN HE MEETS...

The SCRAMBLER!

WHERE'S MY
HEAD? WHICH ARE
MY ARMS AND LEGS?
AM I GOING
BACKWARD OR
FORWARD?

TAKE IT EASY!
YOU'LL GET USED TO
IT IN A MOMENT!
GETTING AROUND
WILL BE SIMPLE!

EVER GO TO A MODERN MUSEUM AND
LOOK AT SOME OF THE WEIRDER
PICTURES? THEY MAY STRIKE YOU AS A
LUNATIC'S PIPE DREAM! BUT WHAT
WOULD HAPPEN IF SUCH ARTISTIC
FANTASIES BECAME REALITY? HOW
DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD SURVIVE
IF SOME DAY YOU MET UP WITH...
THE SCRAMBLER!

JOHN
DELSON
HAD
RETIRED
TO
NEVADA
YEARS
BEFORE!
HIS
HAD
BEEN
A
FULL,
RICH
LIFE...

I NEVER GET
TIRED OF
LOOKING AT
THE SUN SET
OVER BALD
PEAK! I JUST
LOVE THIS
COUNTRY!

IT'S SO PEACEFUL
AND QUIET... I'M
GLAD THERE AREN'T
ANY OTHER HOUSES
FOR MILES
AROUND...

THEIR LIVES WERE PLACID, EACH
PLEASANT DAY WAS LIKE THE ONE
BEFORE...

EVER MISS
THE HUSTLE
AND BUSTLE
OF BUSINESS,
JOHN?

NOPE! BELIEVE
ME, I'VE HAD
ENOUGH EXCITEMENT
FOR ONE LIFETIME!

AS WAS THEIR HABIT, THEY AWOKE BRIGHT AND EARLY THE NEXT MORNING! JOHN STEPPED OUT ON THE PORCH TO SURVEY THE MAGNIFICENT SCENERY...

JUMPIN' JEHOSEPHAT! BESS! COME OUT HERE! QUICK!

WHAT IS IT, DEAR? WHAT IS... OH, NO! MERCIFUL HEAVENS!

THEN YOU SEE IT TOO! BALD PEAK HAS MOVED DURING THE NIGHT! IT'S SEVERAL MILES CLOSER TO US... AND THE OTHER MOUNTAINS ARE IN THE SAME PLACE!

HE IMMEDIATELY CALLED THE MAIN STATE NEWSPAPER...

NOW LOOK HERE, WHO ARE YOU CALLING CRAZY? I'M TELLING YOU THERE HAD TO BE AN EARTHQUAKE DURING THE NIGHT! HOW ELSE COULD A WHOLE MOUNTAIN MOVE?

HE... HE HUNG UP ON ME! CALLED ME A CRACKPOT! WHAT'S GOING ON, BESS?

I... I DON'T KNOW, JOHN! I JUST DON'T KNOW!

JOHN DELSON HAD ALWAYS BEEN A DETERMINED MAN! HE LOST NO TIME INVESTIGATING...

WHAT DID I TELL YOU? LOOK AT THE HUGE SCAR RIGHT HERE... WHERE BALD PEAK USED TO BE! SOMEHOW, THAT THING GOT PICKED UP DURING THE NIGHT AND PLACED DOWN OVER THERE!

BUT DEAR, THERE'S NO FORCE ON EARTH THAT COULD DO A THING LIKE THAT!

INSPECTING BALD PEAK, THEY FOUND THE EARTH QUITE LOOSE, FIGURES EVERYWHERE...

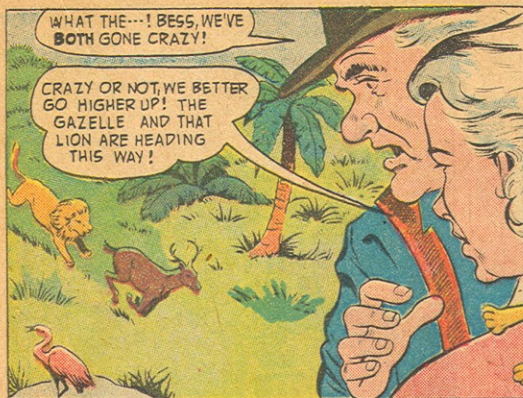
I'M GOING TO GET SOME GEOLOGISTS DOWN HERE TO EXPLAIN THINGS! I'LL SPEND EVERY PENNY I'VE GOT TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!

NOW, NOW, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? DON'T GET SO EXCITED! REMEMBER YOUR HEART...

I'LL JUST COLLECT A FEW OF THESE ROCKS AND...

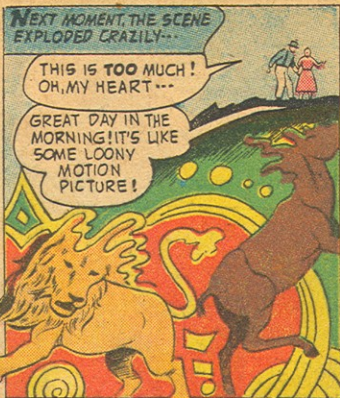
OH! OH, DEAR! THIS IS AWFUL!





WHAT THE...! BESS, WE'VE BOTH GONE CRAZY!

CRAZY OR NOT, WE BETTER GO HIGHER UP! THE GAZELLE AND THAT LION ARE HEADING THIS WAY!



NEXT MOMENT, THE SCENE EXPLODED CRAZILY...

THIS IS TOO MUCH! OH, MY HEART...

GREAT DAY IN THE MORNING! IT'S LIKE SOME LOONY MOTION PICTURE!

IN A FEW INSTANTS, ALMOST NOTHING REMAINED...

LOONY IS RIGHT! BUT WE'RE THE LOONS... BECAUSE WE'RE IMAGINING ALL THIS!

SEE HERE, JOHN DELSON! I KNOW WHAT I SEE... AND NOBODY CAN TELL ME DIFFERENT!

THE EXCITEMENT HAD CUT HIS BREATH SHORT... HE HAD A VIOLENT HEADACHE, TOO...

HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM? DON'T YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MEANS?

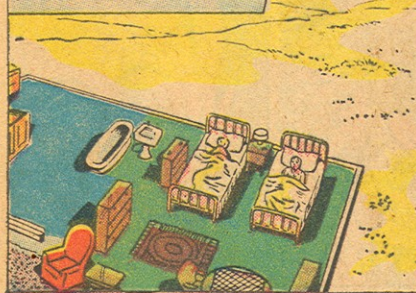
NO, DO YOU? I'M MAKING YOU SOME HOT MILK AND THEN YOU'RE GOING TO SLEEP! THIS WHOLE DAY HAS BEEN ENTIRELY TOO HECTIC!

SOON THE EVENTS OF THE MORNING BEGAN TO LOSE THEIR REALITY...

REMIND ME TO ORDER SOME BOOKS ON HALLUCINATION. BESS...

GO TO SLEEP, DEAR! I'M SURE WE'LL HAVE A MUCH CLEARER VIEW OF THINGS TOMORROW...

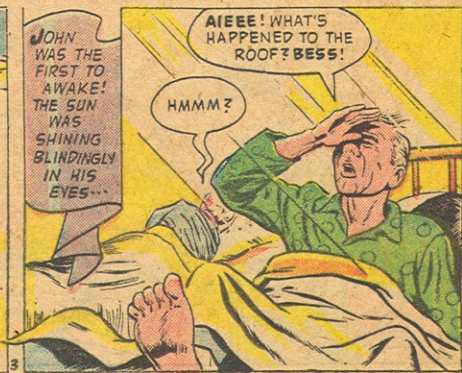
THE SUN ROSE OVER THE DESERT, ILLUMINATING A FANTASTIC SCENE! WHATEVER IT WAS THAT HAPPENED DURING THE NIGHT HAD NOT AWAKENED THE AGED COUPLE...



JOHN WAS THE FIRST TO AWAKE! THE SUN WAS SHINING BLINDLY IN HIS EYES...

AIEEE! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE ROOF? BESS!

HMMM?





OUR HOUSE!

THE WALLS AND ROOF WERE SPIRITED AWAY WITHOUT US HEARING A THING! LET'S BEAT IT BEFORE THE WHOLE THING DISAPPEARS... WITH US IN THE BARGAIN!



THEY ACTED SWIFTLY...

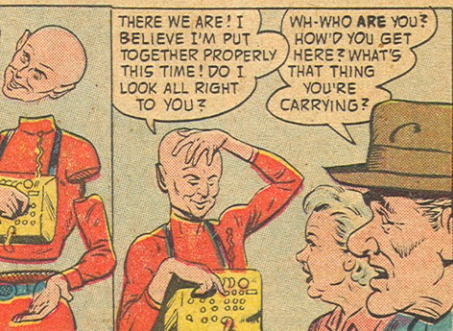
THINK WE OUGHT TO SEE ONE OF THEM PSYCHIATRISTS? WONDER IF MY HOUSE INSURANCE COVERS ANYTHING LIKE THIS!

PLEASE DON'T BE ALARMED, FOLKS, BUT I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE MYSELF!



EEEK! WHAT IS IT?

THERE'S NO REASON FOR ALARM, I ASSURE YOU! AH, I SEE I'M NOT QUITE ORGANIZED! HMMM, I SUPPOSE PRESSING THESE TWO BUTTONS WOULD DO THE TRICK...



THERE WE ARE! I BELIEVE I'M PUT TOGETHER PROPERLY THIS TIME! DO I LOOK ALL RIGHT TO YOU?

WH-WHO ARE YOU? HOW'D YOU GET HERE? WHAT'S THAT THING YOU'RE CARRYING?

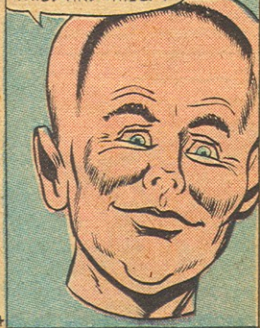
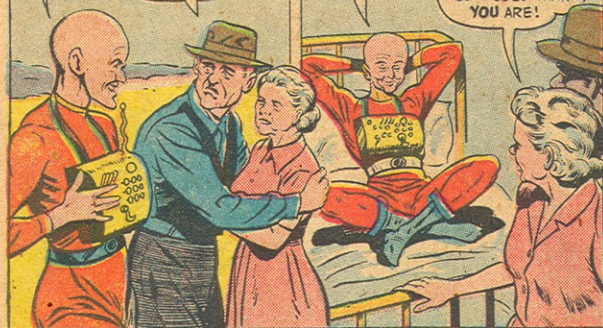
THIS, MY DEAR SIR, IS A **SCRAMBLER** PANEL... AN INVENTION OF MINE... NOT QUITE PERFECTED! I'M TERRIBLY SORRY IF I'VE INCONVENIENCED YOU!

KEEP TALKING, MISTER! YOU GOT A LOT OF EXPLAINING TO DO!

I WISH TO APOLOGIZE FOR MY BLUNDERS... NEW INVENTIONS ALWAYS HAVE SO MANY GREMLINS IN THEM! HOWEVER, IT'S NO SMALL FEAT TO CROSS FROM ONE TIME DIMENSION INTO ANOTHER! HMMM, HOW CURIOUS EVERYTHING IS HERE... I CAN'T GET USED TO IT!

MISTER, WE'RE A LOT MORE CONFUSED THAN YOU ARE!

PERMIT ME TO CLARIFY MATTERS! I AM **DR. IKOBEWATI**... SOMETHING OF AN ECCENTRIC IN MY OWN TIME DIMENSION, I DON'T MIND ADMITTING! I AM NOW THE GREATEST EXPLORER IN HISTORY... THE FIRST MAN TO **CROSS FROM ONE WORLD INTO ANOTHER!** YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES I TRIED AND FAILED!



DR. IKOBEWATI'S MANNER HAD A STRANGELY SOOTHING EFFECT ON THEM! GONE WAS ALL TRACE OF FEAR AS THEY EXPLAINED WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THEM IN THE PRECEDING HOURS...

AH, YES! MOVING THE MOUNTAIN AND GETTING THE JUNGLE HERE WERE MISCALCULATIONS ON MY PART... MY APOLOGIES! LET ME SHOW YOU... I'LL PRODUCE A GIRAFFE AND A PANTHER FROM AFRICA!

NO... DON'T!

A FLICK OF THE DIALS AND BUTTONS AND...

OOPS! ANOTHER MISTAKE! MUST HAVE SOME CROSSED WIRING!

GET 'EM OUT OF HERE, FAST!

IN A TWINKLING, THE ANIMALS HAD VANISHED...

DON'T EVER DO THAT AGAIN! LOOK HERE, YOU CAN'T GO AROUND SCRAMBLING THINGS LIKE THAT! WHY DON'T YOU PUT OUR HOUSE TOGETHER, SHIFT BALD PEAK BACK AND BEAT IT TO WHERE YOU CAME FROM?

YOU HAVE NO SCIENTIFIC CURIOSITY, SIR! BUT I KNOW WHEN I'M NOT WANTED! GOOD BYE!

ANGRILY, DR. IKOBEWATI MANIPULATED HIS SCRAMBLER BOX...

AIEEE! I'M COMING APART!

OH, I'M TERRIBLY SORRY! I'VE MISCALCULATED AGAIN! I'M AFRAID YOU'RE BOTH COMING INTO MY TIME DIMENSION!

AN IMMENSE FORCE FIELD GRIPPED THEM! FOR SEVERAL MOMENTS THERE WAS VIOLENT BUFFETING, AND THEN AN ABRUPT HALT...

JOHN! WHICH IS YOU? OH, GOSH, WHAT'S HAPPENED TO US?

CALM YOURSELVES, PLEASE! YOU'LL BE ORIENTED IN A MOMENT! THE FIRST FEW MOMENTS ARE ALWAYS DIFFICULT...

THANK HEAVENS! I CAN'T SEE YOU NORMALLY, BUT I KNOW HOW YOUR HAND FEELS! DON'T LET GO OF MY HAND, BESS!

LOVELY LANDSCAPE, ISN'T IT? LOOK AT THOSE FIELDS AND HILLS! AH, THOSE GLORIOUS ORANGE CLOUDS! DO YOU REALIZE YOUR WORLD IS QUITE DULL?

OH, LOOK! THERE'S THE ROOF AND WALLS OF OUR HOUSE... I RECOGNIZE OUR PICTURES!

QUITE SO! THAT WAS ANOTHER...ER... ACCIDENT! I'D BETTER TAKE YOU ALL BACK NOW! THE AUTHORITIES DISAPPROVE OF CLUTTERING UP THE LANDSCAPE WITH STRANGE OBJECTS!

AS THE PROCESS WAS REVERSED...

AH, WHAT A RELIEF!
EVERYTHING'S BACK
TO NORMAL AGAIN!
EVEN BALD PEAK!

I'M AFRAID MY
INVENTION IS SOMEWHAT
IMPRACTICAL! THE
DIMENSIONS WERE
NEVER MEANT TO
GET MIXED UP!

IMPRACTICAL?
THAT THING'S
COMPLETELY
USELESS! IT'S
A MENACE!
WORTHLESS!

OH, COME NOW...IT HAS SOME MINOR
VIRTUES! I COULD SCRAMBLE YOU A
NEW FACE OR BODY...SCRAMBLE GOLD
OUT OF THE GROUND...I'D LIKE TO DO
YOU BOTH A FAVOR...TO MAKE UP
FOR THE TROUBLE I'VE
CAUSED!



WE'VE GOT EVERYTHING WE WANT...
EXCEPT YOUTH! DON'T SUPPOSE YOU
COULD SCRAMBLE AWAY SOME 40
YEARS, COULD YOU?

I DON'T SEE
WHY NOT! 40
YEARS IT
SHALL BE!

H-HELP!
I'M
GETTING
DIZZY!

PARDON THE
INCONVENIENCE!
COULDN'T BE
HELPED! HMMM.
HOW DO I SHUT
THIS THING OFF
EXACTLY
RIGHT?

SUDDENLY...
OH, JOHN
...IT...IT'S
TRUE!

IT'S LIKE...LIKE
THE DAY WE WERE
MARRIED!



GOSH,
MISTER!
HOW CAN
WE THANK
YOU?

TUT-TUT! NOTHING
TO IT! AND NOW,
MY FRIENDS...
FAREWELL! YOU
WON'T BE TROUBLED
AGAIN...MY WORD
OF HONOR! I'LL
DESTROY THIS
THING AT ONCE!

HE...
HE'S
GONE!

YOU KNOW,
I SHOULD
HAVE MADE
HIM GIVE ME
A PATENT ON
THAT THING!
I COULD MAKE
MILLIONS!



AS TWO
YOUNG AND
VIGOROUS
PEOPLE,
THEY QUICKLY
GAVE UP
THEIR SERENE
LIFE! THEY
MOVED
TO A CITY
APARTMENT
AND JOHN
WENT BACK
TO BUSINESS!
IT HAD TO BE
A NEW CITY,
OF COURSE,
WHERE
THEY WERE
UNKNOWN...

HOW'D YOU LIKE
YOUR EGGS?
SCRAMBLED?

SCRAMBLED?!
HONEY, I THOUGHT
THAT WORD IN
THIS HOUSE
WAS TABOO!



The
END!

EDITOR



There's a lot to talk over this month with all you wonderful "Adventures Into The Unknown" fans—but actually, it's going to consist of readers talking to each other through the medium of the letters which have been sent in to us. And, if you don't mind, we'll put in our oar by commenting on each letter you see published. And by the way—have you sent in yours? We want to hear from you as to how you like our magazine, and its stories—but if there's something that you sincerely dislike, let us know that, too! Address your letter to The Editor, "Adventures Into The Unknown," 347 Fifth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. And now let's start going over the mailbag!

"Dear Editor:-

I've been reading 'Adventures Into The Unknown' for years, and have found nearly all the issues wonderful reading. Recently, I read 'Pipe Dream' and loved it. It has all the truly wonderful instincts of a good story. I think your magazine is just great! Please try to get some more stories that live up to 'Pipe Dream'! A fan forever.

—Alice Colon, New York, N.Y.
We wish they could all equal "Pipe Dream," Alice, because that was one of the best stories we've ever run. But we'll keep trying!

"Dear Editor:-

Mystery and Adventure are my middle names. I'm intrigued by fascinating and exciting mysteries, and they're what I find in 'Adventures Into The Unknown.' I read your stories over and over, and believe me, I'm never bored! One of my favorites was 'Celeste The Bewitching,' but I look forward to all your stories! Your mystery reader,

—Sheila Patterson, Brooklyn, N.Y.
You've got lots of company, Sheila—seems like everybody goes for a really good mystery! We like to feel that that's our specialty, so if we ever fall down on the job, let us know!

"Dear Editor:-

I was reading your 'Let's Talk It Over' section and, in your February issue, I came across a letter from an English schoolboy. Maybe I'm being over-patriotic, but I didn't like the crack you printed that English comic books aren't as exciting as your American ones. Also that remark about your books being sold in most parts of the world—as if they weren't in England! I wish you Americans would get off your pedestal and recognize the fact that there are countries, and, to be more specific, magazines, which are as good as if not better than yours. Now that I am finished chopping you up, I would like to say that 'Adventures Into The Unknown' is really very good, and as far as I'm concerned, the best one on the

American market. I know you'll print the last part, and I'm not going to say that you won't print the first—all I'll say is that you had better!

—Doug McIntyre, Port Arthur, Canada
Looks like we've got an international situation here, Doug—and if it means war, sound the bugles! But just go back to the February issue, and you'll note that we never for one second criticised English comic books! That statement was made by the lad who wrote in from England, not us. And in our comment, we distinctly stated that he should be able to buy our books in England! So what's the complaint? But we're friends anyway!

"Dear Editor:-

I've been reading 'Adventures Into The Unknown' for about a year and a half and I think it's the greatest. Out of all the issues I've read, I think March was the best. I especially liked 'The Endless Chain,' which kept me wondering. You should print more stories like this. Oh, by the way—'The Strangeness of Mr. McGillicuddy' was one of the best you've printed!

—Vinnie Valentino, Staten Island, N.Y.
Say, how about that 'Endless Chain?' It sure did have an intriguing plot, didn't it? Take a medal for good taste, Vinnie, because that one and the 'McGillicuddy' yarn were standouts, we like to think!

"Dear Editor:-

I've been reading 'Adventures Into The Unknown' for a long time and I think it's the best in its field—but I think you should get the facts on things right before you use them in your stories. In your January No. 92 issue, 'Annals of the Occult' has a mistake in it. To be hypnotized, you must be willing. But even with that error, the story was fine, as was the rest of the issue.

—Robert Western, Detroit, Mich.
What can we say, Robert? We pulled a rock in letting that detail slip by, and we're sorry for it. You're right and we're wrong and we'll be more careful in the future!

"Dear Editor:-

Just read the December issue of 'Adventures Into The Unknown' and thought I'd drop a line to help you along where you needed it. To begin with, your magazine is the best there is today. Right on your heels is 'Forbidden Worlds,' but with an issue like this one, your leadership is assured. 'Doom Foiled' was terrific—I was really intrigued. 'A Higher Power' was a fine little story that really made you wonder. 'The Anyweight Champion' was wonderful, and 'Remote Control' rounded out a splendid issue with a rousing tale. I have just one gripe about the issue. Your text story, 'Little Man Who Wasn't There' was not only an old plot, but a poor story besides. But all in all, congratulations! All you must do is keep up such good work as this and you'll not

only keep ahead of your competitor, but win many more fans like me besides!

—Robert Adolph, Forest Hills, N.Y.
It gives us quite a lift to know how much you like our book, Robert. You may not know it, but you've given us a double-barreled compliment—because "Forbidden Worlds," which you rank as our nearest competitor, is also our property—a companion magazine to "Adventures Into The Unknown!"

"Dear Editor:—

I've just finished reading the January issue of 'Adventures Into The Unknown' and I think that 'Da Vinci's Wig', 'Cave Drawing' and 'Explanation, Please' were just great! Unfortunately, however, I and many of my friends think that 'Pie In The Sky' was simply the worst story we ever read! I like your magazine very much, but if that junk is the best you have, I'd much rather read about witches and zombies!

—Peter Dolinger"

Well, Peter! Most certainly you're entitled to your opinion, and we're sorry that you didn't like "Pie In The Sky." Particularly sorry, because in choosing this story, we were convinced that it was a yarn our readers would go for. The question is, did we go wrong—or is your opinion in error? We'd like to leave it to our fans! Write in, friends, and tell us what you think about it!

"Dear Editor:—

Your January issue was great! 'Pie In The Sky', 'Annals Of The Occult' and 'Da Vinci's Wig' were good, and 'Explanation, Please' was pretty good, but I wish you would stop printing one and two-page stories. It's no fun reading them. I think you should stick to three or four seven or eight page stories in each issue of 'Adventures Into The Unknown.'

—E. J. Manual, Jr., Downers Grove, Ill.
Guess differences of opinion are what make the world go around—here's somebody who likes "Pie In The Sky." But this fan has his own pet hates—short stories! How do the rest of you feel about it? Frankly, your editor is partial to long stories himself, because the additional length permits a fine, complete plot. But frequently, in order to balance an issue and have just the right number of pages, a bit of the short stuff becomes necessary!

"Dear Editor:—

I have all types of comic magazines, but none can match 'Adventures Into The Unknown.' All your stories are exciting and different. Keep printing stories like 'The Long, Long Sleep' and I'll keep buying. I also like your art work and your clear, easy-to-read print.

—Abe Stavsky, New York, N.Y.
Thanks, Abe, for compliments which we're human enough to love. Sometimes, frankly, we worry about our print, after the huge, high-speed color presses get through with it. We hope it's always clear and easy-to-read. If this proves not to be the case at any time, we want to hear from you fans!

"Dear Editor:—

I'm beginning my letter as I hope you'll begin yours, with an apology. I apologize for

the length of my letter, but I'm new at writing this sort of stuff. I am considered fairly intelligent in school, and I read your magazine for relaxation—I like it! The only thing that bugs me is this column. Here's my gripe: with reference to Don Flowers' letter and your reply, in the February issue, I feel that many guys might write just to see their names in print and you don't have to point it out, because in my eyes, you're just belittling yourself. Very few people, not excluding myself, don't like to see their names in print! Just one more gripe—re the letter of Allie Veorentz, same issue, and your reply. It's obvious that Allie was just ranking you out in what he thought was a clever fashion, but there was no need for you to insult him so openly. Just so we part friends, I'll repeat myself and say I really like your magazine, even if I am intelligent. I hope this letter wasn't too long, because I'll be frank with you—I'd like to see it in print.

—Mike Kalkstein, Forest Hills, L.I.
Before we start fighting with you, Mike, let's admit that there's justice in a lot of what you say. Maybe we shouldn't flare back at the writers of some of the letters we get. But darn it, you've got to realize we're human. This magazine is very close to our hearts, and we're trying to do our best to make it as perfect as we can. We make our mistakes and people don't have to like what we do at all times, but we do want sincerity and not insults. So you like our magazine even if you are intelligent, eh? Don't be so superior, please! The stories you read in "Adventures Into The Unknown" are a darned sight better than many you'll find in television or the movies—and our readership goes all the way up the line to college instructors! But thanks for a good letter, anyway!

"Dear Editor:—

I've just finished reading your March issue of 'Adventures Into The Unknown.' I think it was one of the best numbers you've ever published. 'Mushroom Madness' and 'The Endless Chain' were the greatest. I don't think the story 'The Repair Shop' quite followed the cover, but it was pretty eye-catching. All in all, you're doing a wonderful job—keep it up! A reader in Honolulu—

—Joyce Tanaka, Honolulu, Oahu
We get a bang out of hearing from far-off fans, because it reveals the distant spots to which our magazine penetrates. Nice knowing you, Joyce!

"Dear Editor:—

I'm a fairly new reader of 'Adventures Into The Unknown,' and I think it's great, really great! Everytime a shipment of comics comes into the store, I'm always there, one of the first. By the way, some of the stories I've liked best were 'The Strangeness of Mr. McGillicuddy' and 'The Endless Chain.' I also like your short stories. Keep your quality as high as it's been and you'll never want for readers!

—Steven Gordon, Medway, Mass.
We ourselves go for the two stories you've mentioned, Steven. We'd just love to make every one of our stories as good as those two, but that's a pretty tall order. But we'll be in there trying!

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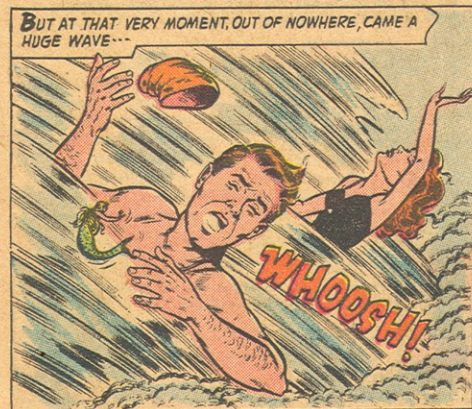
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I'M GOING TO TELL YOU ABOUT IT
...BECAUSE YOU'VE **NEVER MET**
ANYTHING LIKE IT!

I'D BEEN SUMMONED TO THE OFFICES OF
ANDERSON PROPERTIES, INC., IN
PITTSBURGH...

I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU THE BARE
OUTLINE OF THE CASE, MR. JONES!
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AN OLD RESIDENCE IN CARRTOWN,
PENNSYLVANIA, FOR RENTAL
PURPOSES! FRANKLY, WE GOT IT
AT A VERY LOW PRICE, BUT WE
WEREN'T LOOKING GIFT
HORSES IN THE
MOUTH!

AND NOW
YOU'RE CALLING
ME IN
BECAUSE...

YES... BECAUSE OF CERTAIN CONTINUED... AH
...PHENOMENA! TO BE BRIEF, NO TENANT WILL
STAY IN THE HOUSE, AND OUR INVESTMENT SEEMS
A LOSS! NOW, FRANKLY, I DON'T BELIEVE IN WHAT
I'VE HEARD... BUT FOR THE DETAILS, I'M GOING
TO REFER YOU TO THE LOCAL
REALTY AGENT IN
CARRTOWN WHO
MANAGES THE
PROPERTY FOR
US!

I SET OUT FOR CARRTOWN IMMEDIATELY! THE MAN I
WAS TO SEE WAS A MR. RUFUS DEAKINS...

ALL MY CASES HAVE
BEEN DUDS LATELY...
PHONEY SPOOKS GOTTEN
UP EITHER AS GAGS OR
FOR SOMEBODY'S PROFIT!
I'LL BE SURPRISED IF
THIS ONE DOESN'T
FALL INTO THE SAME
CATEGORY!

DEAKINS
REALTORS
PROPERTY
MANAGEMENT

OH, YOU'RE A KIND OF
SPOOK DETECTIVE,
HUH? WELL, MISTER,
YOU'VE COME TO THE
RIGHT PLACE! THAT
OLD HOUSE IS
FULL OF 'EM!

I'VE HEARD THAT
COUNTLESS TIMES...
BUT YOU'D BE SURPRISED
HOW MOST OF SUCH
CASES CAN BE
EXPLAINED BY
NATURAL
CAUSES!

NATURAL? WOULD YOU CALL
IT NATURAL FOR STRANGE
SINGING TO BE HEARD AT
MIDNIGHT... FOR LIGHTS TO
APPEAR OUT OF NOWHERE,
TOGETHER WITH THE FIGURE
OF A WOMAN WHO THEN
VANISHES? ANYBODY'D
HAVE TO BE CRAZY TO
STAY IN THAT PLACE...
AND THE SOONER
ANDERSON PROPERTIES,
INC., GETS RID OF IT, THE
BETTER OFF
THEY'LL
BE!

I KNEW THAT THE "SUPERNATURAL"
WAS TOO OFTEN FAKED AS A MEANS
OF DRIVING PROPERTY VALUES DOWN!
SO I TOOK A LOOK AT THE OLD
HOUSE...

BUT WHAT WOULD
ANYONE WANT WITH AN
OLD PLACE LIKE THAT? IT
DOESN'T LOOK AS IF IT'S
WORTH FAKING ALL THIS
FOR... UNLESS THERE'S
SOME OTHER VALUE
TO IT THAT I DON'T
KNOW ABOUT!

WELL, I'VE GOT CONNECTIONS
... AND I USED THEM TO GET
CLOSE TO THE DEPUTY MAYOR
OF CARRTOWN... WHO LET SLIP
AN INTERESTING FACT...

IT'S ONLY BECAUSE I KNOW IT
WON'T GO ANY FURTHER THAT I'M
TELLING YOU THIS, MR. JONES... BUT FOR
SOME TIME, THE CITY'S BEEN
PLANNING TO BUILD
A NEW STREET THAT'LL
GO RIGHT THROUGH
THAT OLD PLACE!
IT'LL BE WORTH
MONEY THEN, OF
COURSE!

THANK
YOU! YOU
CAN RELY
ON MY DIS-
CRETION TO
KEEP IT
SECRET!

SO THAT WAS IT! OBVIOUSLY, SOMEONE MUST HAVE FOUND OUT ABOUT THE NEW STREET---AND WAS TRYING TO PICK UP THE HOUSE FOR A SONG BY SCARING OUT ITS TENANTS! THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING TO DO---

...AND WHAT I'D LIKE TO FIND OUT, SIR, IS WHETHER ANYBODY'S BEEN TRYING TO **BUY** THE PLACE FROM YOUR COMPANY!



WHY, YES---
RUFUS DEAKINS HIMSELF---OUR AGENT OUT THERE! HE'S MADE SEVERAL OFFERS, BUT THEY'RE FAR TOO LOW!

I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN IT! DEAKINS MUST HAVE FOUND OUT ABOUT THE NEW STREET TOO, AND WAS THE MAN BEHIND THE SUPPOSED MANIFESTATIONS! BUT I HAD TO PROVE IT BY CATCHING HIM IN THE ACT---SO---

I'M SPENDING THE NIGHT IN THAT OLD HOUSE, MR. DEAKINS! I'M GOING TO PROVE TO THE WORLD THAT THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH IT!



NO---DON'T DO THAT! IT---IT'S DANGEROUS, MAN! SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN TO YOU!

BUT HE WASN'T TALKING ME OUT OF IT! I GOT THERE AT TEN AND CALMLY WENT TO SLEEP! BUT EXACTLY AT MIDNIGHT, SOMETHING AWOKED ME---



OH, DON'T YOU REMEMBER---
SWEET ALICE---

IT'S A WOMAN'S VOICE---BUT THERE'S NO WOMAN THERE!

I'D SPOKEN TOO SOON---BECAUSE THERE, TAKING SHAPE BEFORE MY EYES---

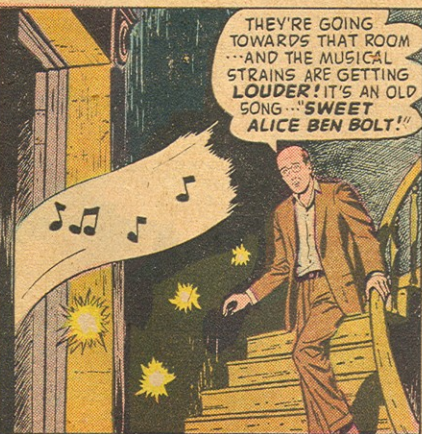


WELL, I'LL BE---! THERE SHE COMES NOW!

THE NEXT MOMENT, SHE HAD VANISHED! NOW DANCING LIGHTS APPEARED---



THEY SEEM TO BE TRYING TO LEAD ME SOMEWHERE! OKAY---I'LL PLAY ALONG!



THEY'RE GOING TOWARDS THAT ROOM---AND THE MUSICAL STRAINS ARE GETTING LOUDER! IT'S AN OLD SONG---**"SWEET ALICE BEN BOLT"**---



THE LIGHTS SEEM TO BE COMING FROM THAT CLOSET! I'LL BET **RUFUS DEAKINS** IS IN THERE WORKING THE DEVICES RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THESE ILLUSIONS! HE PROBABLY FIGURES NOBODY WOULD EVER DARE TRACE THIS HOCUS-POCUS ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE!



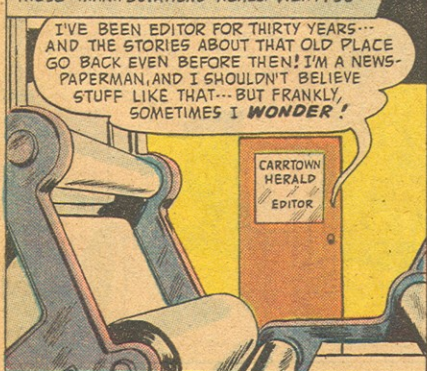
NO...THERE WASN'T A SHRED OF EVIDENCE AGAINST DEAKINS! IN DESPAIR, I TRIED A BLUFF...

YOU'RE THE MAN BEHIND THOSE STRANGE OCCURRENCES AT THE OLD HOUSE, DEAKINS, AND I'VE GOT **PROOF!** IT WAS A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO DRIVE THE VALUE DOWN AND TAKE OVER, AND YOU'RE GUILTY OF **CONSPIRACY AND FRAUD!**

NO...NO! I'LL ADMIT I **DID** TRY TO BUY THE PLACE, BECAUSE I'D LEARNED A STREET WAS GOING THROUGH THERE THAT WOULD MAKE IT VALUABLE...



THAT PUT A NEW BEE IN MY BONNET, AND I DETERMINED TO DISCOVER HOW FAR BACK THESE "MANIFESTATIONS" REALLY WENT! SO...



...I'D HOPED, BECAUSE OF THE STRANGE MANIFESTATIONS, THAT I COULD PICK UP THE HOUSE AT A LOW PRICE AND MAKE A BIG PROFIT...BUT I NEVER **CAUSED** THOSE MANIFESTATIONS! I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THEM...EXCEPT THAT THEY'VE BEEN GOING ON SINCE BEFORE I EVEN **CAME** TO THIS TOWN!



ALL RIGHT...I WAS IN FOR IT AND I'D SEE IT THROUGH! IF I HAD TO, I'D GO BACK TO THE BEGINNINGS OF THE OLD STRUCTURE TO LEARN THE TRUTH! THE CITY PROPERTY RECORDS REVEALED...



SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED AROUND 1875 IN THE MASON FAMILY TO MAKE THEM DISPOSE OF THE PLACE---AND WHATEVER IT WAS MADE EVERYBODY ELSE WANT TO GET RID OF IT QUICKLY! I'D BETTER LOOK UP THE NEWSPAPERS OF THE PERIOD---

DEPT
OF
HOUSES

AND SO I WENT OVER THE **CARRTOWN HERALD** FOR 1875, LOOKING FOR ANY BIG NEWS! THE FIRST I FOUND DIDN'T SEEM TO PROMISE MUCH---

CARRTOWN HERALD

OCTOBER 1ST, 1875

**SURPRISE EARTHQUAKE
JARS TOWN VIOLENTLY**
NO INJURIES---TREMER TAKES
PLACE AT EXACTLY MIDNIGHT

WELL, **THAT** WOULDN'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY BEARING ON THE CASE! I'D BETTER LOOK FURTHER!

BUT THE NEXT WEEK CAME A SIGNIFICANT HEADLINE---

CARRTOWN HERALD

OCTOBER 9, 1875

**ALICE WILLS DISAPPEARS
FROM MASON HOME**

DAUGHTER OF ANDREW MASON
HAD RECENTLY BEEN WED
TO RANDOLPH WILLS, WELL-
KNOWN ADVENTURER AND
SOLDIER OF FORTUNE.



HEY, THIS MAY BE IT! HMMMM---
---IT SAYS HER HUSBAND HAD NO
IDEA OF WHERE SHE MIGHT
HAVE VANISHED TO---

READING THE ANCIENT COLUMNS, I SAW, WEEK BY WEEK, HOW SUSPICION GREW AMONG THE TOWNS-PEOPLE---

RANDOLPH WILLS WAS BROKE WHEN HE MARRIED ALICE MASON---NOT A CENT TO HIS NAME! AND HE CHARMED THIS POOR LITTLE SMALLTOWN GIRL---

SHE WAS A MASON, AND NONE OF THE MASONS EVER TRUSTED BANKS---EVERYBODY KNOWS THEY KEPT THEIR FORTUNE HIDDEN IN THE HOUSE! THE OLD MAN USED TO BOAST ABOUT IT!

RIGHT! IF WILLS IS ON THE LEVEL--- LET HIM PRODUCE THE MONEY!



BUT WILLS COULDN'T PRODUCE IT---HE SAID HE KNEW OF NO HIDDEN FORTUNE! AND AS THE DAYS PASSED, AND ALICE WASN'T FOUND---

RANDOLPH WILLS,
I'M TAKING YOU INTO
CUSTODY ON SUSPICION
OF HOMICIDE!



CONSIDERING THE STATE OF PUBLIC OPINION, IT WAS NO WONDER THAT THE TRIAL WAS RIGGED AGAINST HIM---

MR. WILLS HAD GIVEN ME THE DAY OFF! NOW I CAN SEE WHY---BECAUSE THAT WAS THE **LAST I SAW OF POOR MISS ALICE!**



THE JUDGE HANDED DOWN HIS VERDICT---

RANDOLPH WILLS, THE VERDICT OF THIS COURT IS THAT YOU ARE **GUILTY!** YOU WILL APPEAR BEFORE ME NEXT TUESDAY FOR SENTENCING!



BUT IT WAS A SENTENCE THAT WAS NEVER PASSED AS THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE **CARRTOWN HERALD** SHOWED...



I CONTINUED MY SEARCH UNTIL I FOUND SEVERAL MORE PERTINENT NEWS STORIES...

APPARENTLY THE HOUSE THEN PASSED FROM HAND TO HAND...AND EACH TIME, THE INMATES MOVED OUT HELTER-SKELTER, CLAIMING TO HAVE HEARD STRANGE SINGING AND SEEN THE VISION OF A WOMAN AND MOVING LIGHTS!



RUFUS DEAKINS WAS CLEARED, BUT NOW I WAS IN TROUBLE... BECAUSE I SEEMED TO HAVE A CASE ON MY HANDS THAT I COULDN'T SOLVE!

I'M GOING TO SPEND ONE MORE NIGHT THERE! I'VE GOT TO BE SURE THAT THERE ARE NO NATURAL CAUSES BEHIND THE MANIFESTATIONS! AFTER ALL, THE WIND SOMETIMES CAUSES STRANGE SOUNDS...AND MOONLIGHT AND SHADOW CAN PRODUCE ODD IMAGES...



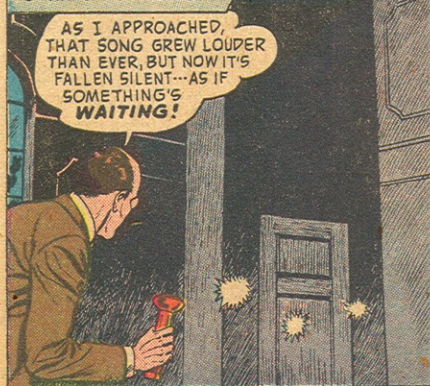
BUT ONCE MORE I WAS AWAKENED AT MIDNIGHT BY THAT PLAINITIVE SONG...



AND ONCE MORE THAT FIGURE MATERIALIZED BEFORE MY EYES...



AGAIN THE STRANGE LIGHTS, LEADING ME TOWARDS THAT CLOSET...



WAIT A SECOND...SOMETHING'S COMING TO ME! THAT MYSTERIOUS SONG ABOUT **SWEET ALICE!** THAT WAS **HER** NAME, THE GIRL WHO DISAPPEARED FROM THIS HOUSE SO LONG AGO...**ALICE!** THIS WHOLE THING'S GOT TO HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH **HER!**



THE WHOLE THING **WOULD** HAVE TO HAPPEN AT **MIDNIGHT**, TRADITIONAL TIME OF THE SUPERNATURAL! **MIDNIGHT**...IT RANG A BELL SUDDENLY...WHERE HAD I SEEN REFERENCE TO THAT TIME JUST RECENTLY?

I'VE GOT IT! THE NEWSPAPER STORY ABOUT THAT **EARTHQUAKE** THAT HAD HIT IN THIS SECTION BACK IN 1875...**THAT** WAS EXACTLY AT **MIDNIGHT**, TOO!



BUT WHAT COULD THAT HAVE TO DO WITH **ALICE'S** DISAPPEARANCE? THE HOUSE HADN'T BEEN REPORTED DAMAGED BY THE **QUAKE**...

HEY...HER DISAPPEARANCE WAS REPORTED IN THE PAPER A WEEK AFTER THE **QUAKE** STORY...BUT IT WAS A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER AT THE TIME! SHE MAY HAVE VANISHED A LOT CLOSER TO THE TIME OF THE **QUAKE!**



STRANGE HOW THE LINE OF THIS BEAUTIFUL OLD PANELING IS BROKEN UP BY THIS **CLOSET** STUCK HERE! FUNNY...THEY DIDN'T GO IN FOR BUILDING CLOSETS WHEN THIS PLACE WAS PUT UP...THEY RELIED MORE ON **WARDROBES!**



THE THOUGHT KEPT HAGGING ME! AND SO AT THE BUILDING BUREAU, I DUG UP THE ORIGINAL PLANS FOR THE HOUSE...

EUREKA! THERE **WAS** NO CLOSET THERE WHEN THE HOUSE WAS BUILT...IT WAS PROBABLY PUT IN **AFTER** SHE DISAPPEARED! I **KNOW** WHAT I'VE GOT TO **DO NOW!**



THE NEXT NIGHT, I HAD WORKMEN IN TO DEMOLISH THE CLOSET! I CALLED THE POLICE IN, TOO...

BUT WHAT DID YOU WANT **US** FOR? I DON'T GET IT!

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU'RE APT TO RUN INTO IN A DEAL LIKE THIS! IF IT'S WHAT I **THINK** IT IS, YOU GENTLEMEN **OUGHT** TO BE ON HAND!



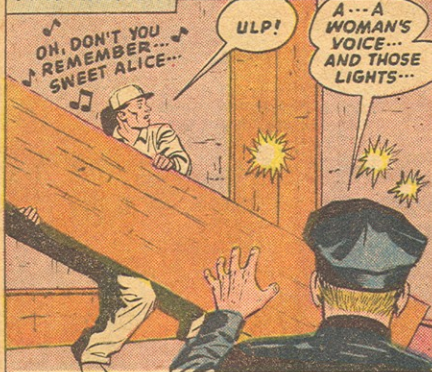
I **STILL** SAY WE'RE WASTIN' OUR TIME HERE!

OKAY, MISTER... THE JOB'S DONE!

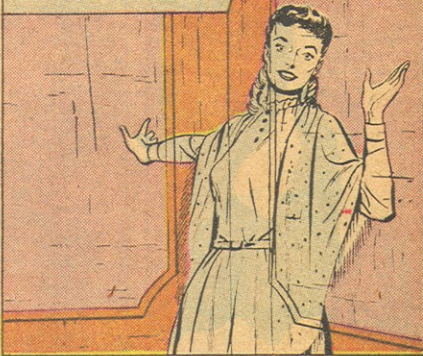
NOT YET! TAKE DOWN THOSE BOARDS THAT LINED THE CLOSET...I'D LIKE TO SEE IF THE ROOM'S PANELING CONTINUES BEHIND THEM!



THE LAST BOARD WAS REMOVED AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT, REVEALING THE PANELING BEHIND! AND SIMULTANEOUSLY...



Then SHE APPEARED AGAIN... THAT SAME WOMAN! SHE WAS SMILING TRIUMPHANTLY NOW, AS SHE POINTED TO A SPOT IN THE paneled WALL NOW LAID BARE BY THE REMOVAL OF THE CLOSET...



A FLASH... AND SHE HAD DISAPPEARED!



AS MY FINGERS EXPLORED THE ANCIENT WOOD, THERE WAS A MUFFLED CLICK... AND...



HOW FAR DOES THIS GO DOWN, ANYWAY?

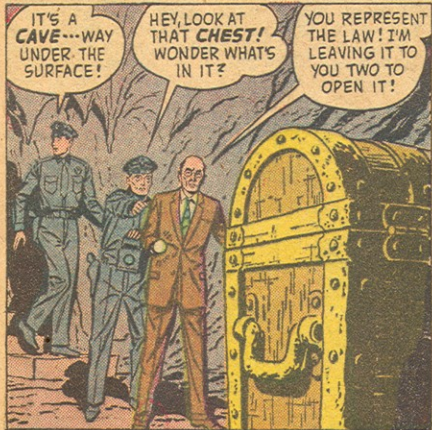
QUITE A WAY... OBVIOUSLY WE'RE ALREADY FAR BELOW THE CELLARS OF THIS OLD PLACE!



IT'S A CAVE... WAY UNDER THE SURFACE!

HEY, LOOK AT THAT CHEST! WONDER WHAT'S IN IT?

YOU REPRESENT THE LAW! I'M LEAVING IT TO YOU TWO TO OPEN IT!



HOLY... SMOKE! THERE'S AN F-FORTUNE THERE!

YES... THE MASON FORTUNE THAT WAS ALWAYS KEPT IN HIDING... THE ONE THEY ACCUSED POOR RANDOLPH WILLS OF STEALING!





IN AMAZEMENT, ONE OF THE POLICEMEN STEPPED BACKWARDS... AND IT WAS ALMOST HIS END! ONLY MY QUICKNESS SAVED HIM FROM A CREVASSE IN THE FLOOR OF THE CAVE THAT WE HADN'T SEEN...

UH...

STEADY!
I'VE GOT
YOU!



IT GOES DOWN
PLENTY DEEP! I
WONDER WHAT
IT IS?

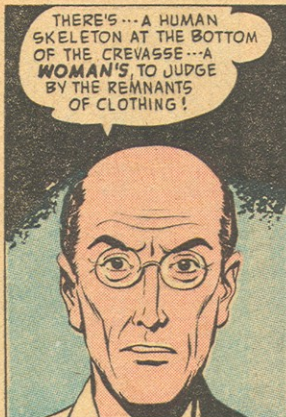
I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
FETCH A LONG COIL
OF ROPE... I'M
GOING DOWN!



THEY TRIED TO ARGUE ME OUT OF IT, BUT MY MIND WAS MADE UP! DOWN I WENT... DOWN AND DOWN... AND WHEN THEY FINALLY PULLED ME UP...

WHAT'S THAT YOU GOT? HEY... IT LOOKS LIKE THE **SHAWL** THAT WOMAN WAS WEARING... THE ONE THAT APPEARED AND DISAPPEARED!

YES, AND THAT... THAT'S NOT **ALL** THAT'S DOWN THERE!

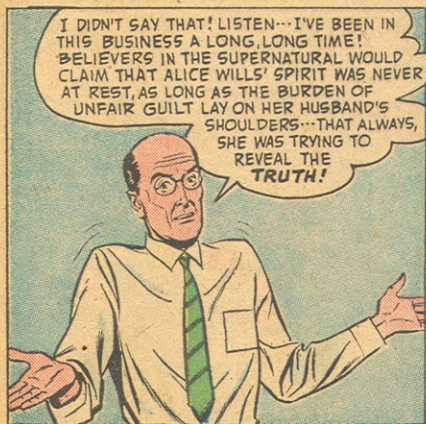


THERE'S... A HUMAN SKELETON AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CREVASSE... A **WOMAN'S**, TO JUDGE BY THE REMNANTS OF CLOTHING!

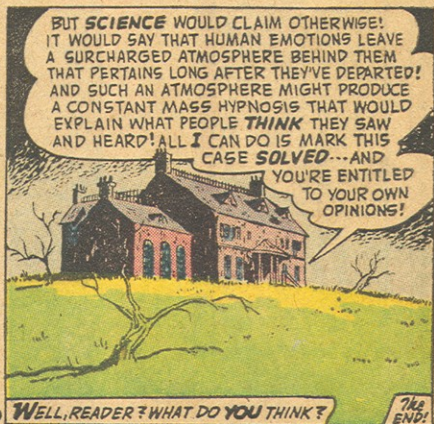


DON'T YOU SEE? THE FAMILY FORTUNE WAS KEPT IN THIS CAVERN... AND ALICE HAD THE BAD LUCK TO BE HERE AT THE EXACT MOMENT THE **EARTH-QUAKE** STRUCK! IT OPENED THAT CREVASSE, AND SHE FELL INTO IT AND WAS KILLED! HER POOR HUSBAND WAS ADJUDGED GUILTY OF HER DEATH... BUT HE WAS **INNOCENT!**

YOU MEAN... THAT'S WHAT WAS BEHIND ALL THE STORIES ABOUT THIS HOUSE...?



I DIDN'T SAY THAT! LISTEN... I'VE BEEN IN THIS BUSINESS A LONG, LONG TIME! BELIEVERS IN THE SUPERNATURAL WOULD CLAIM THAT ALICE WILLS' SPIRIT WAS NEVER AT REST, AS LONG AS THE BURDEN OF UNFAIR GUILT LAY ON HER HUSBAND'S SHOULDERS... THAT ALWAYS, SHE WAS TRYING TO REVEAL THE **TRUTH!**



BUT **SCIENCE** WOULD CLAIM OTHERWISE! IT WOULD SAY THAT HUMAN EMOTIONS LEAVE A SURCHARGED ATMOSPHERE BEHIND THEM THAT PERTAINS LONG AFTER THEY'VE DEPARTED! AND SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE MIGHT PRODUCE A CONSTANT MASS HYPNOSIS THAT WOULD EXPLAIN WHAT PEOPLE **THINK** THEY SAY AND HEARD! ALL I CAN DO IS MARK THIS CASE **SOLVED**... AND YOU'RE ENTITLED TO YOUR OWN OPINIONS!

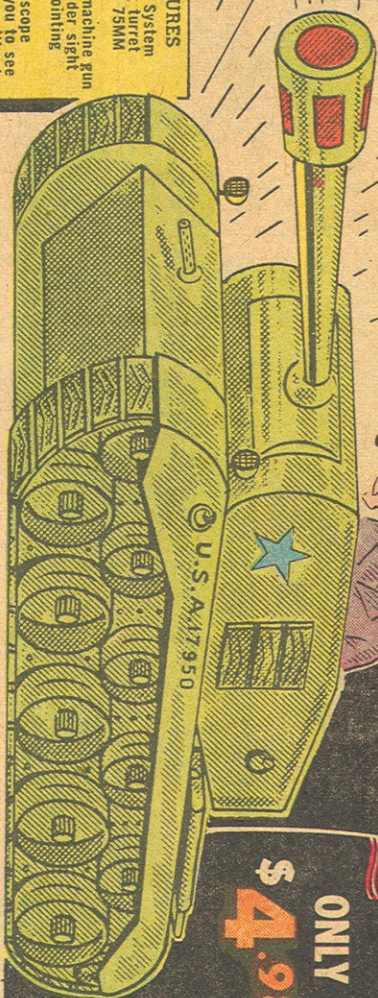
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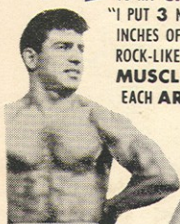
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